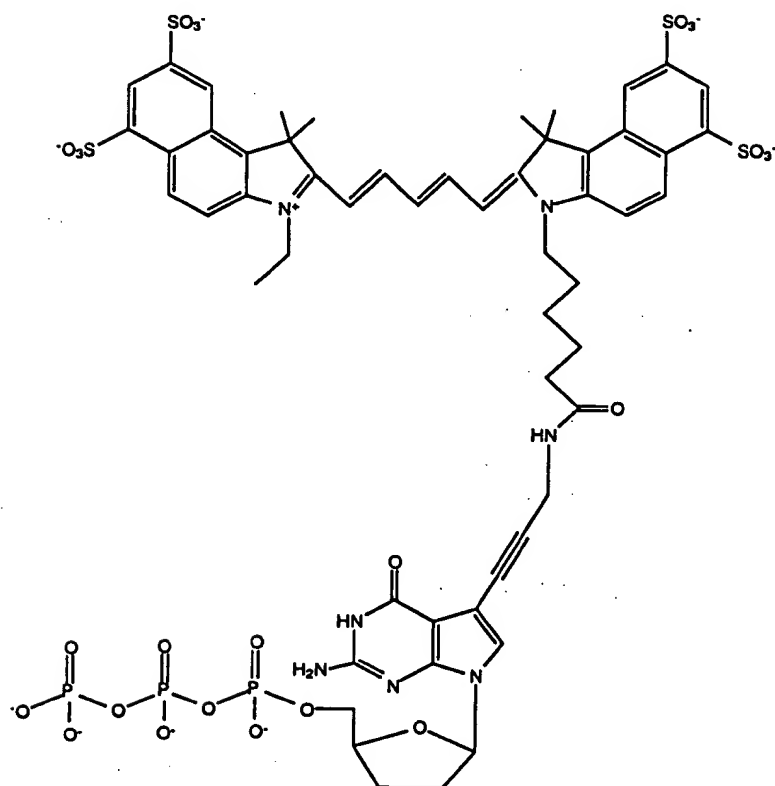


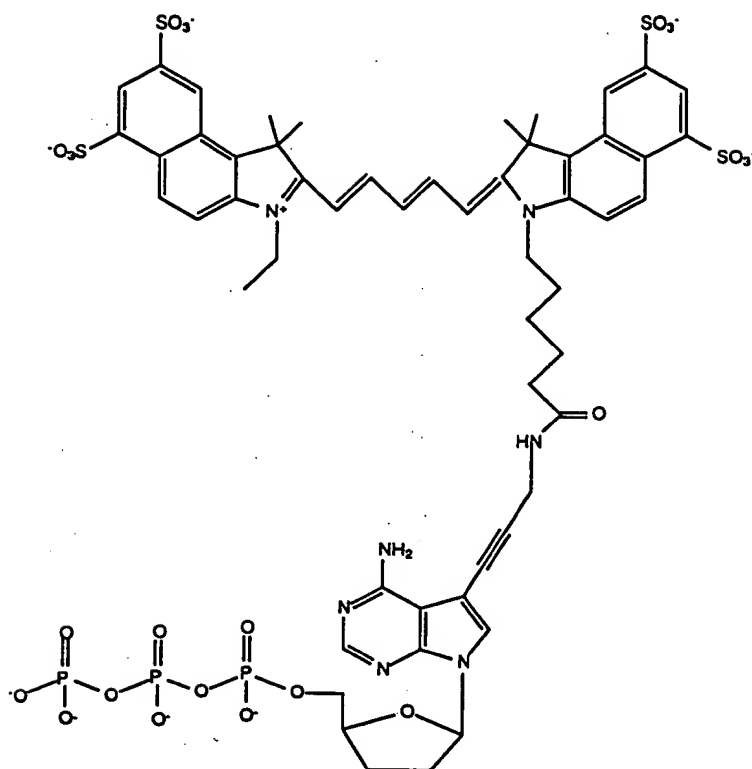
4. The compound of claims 3, wherein said linker is selected from the group consisting of

- C≡C-CH₂-NH-CO-(CH₂)₅-NH-CO-,
- C≡C-CH₂-NH-CO-(CH₂)₉-NH-SO₂-,
- 5 -C≡C-CH₂-NH-CO-(CH₂)₁₀-NH-CO-,
- C≡C-CH₂-NH-CO-(CH₂)₅-,
- C≡C-CH₂-NH-CO-(CH₂)₅-NH-CO-(CH₂)₅-, and
- C≡C-CH₂-NH-CO-(CH₂)₅-NH-CO-(CH₂)₁₀-NH-CO-.

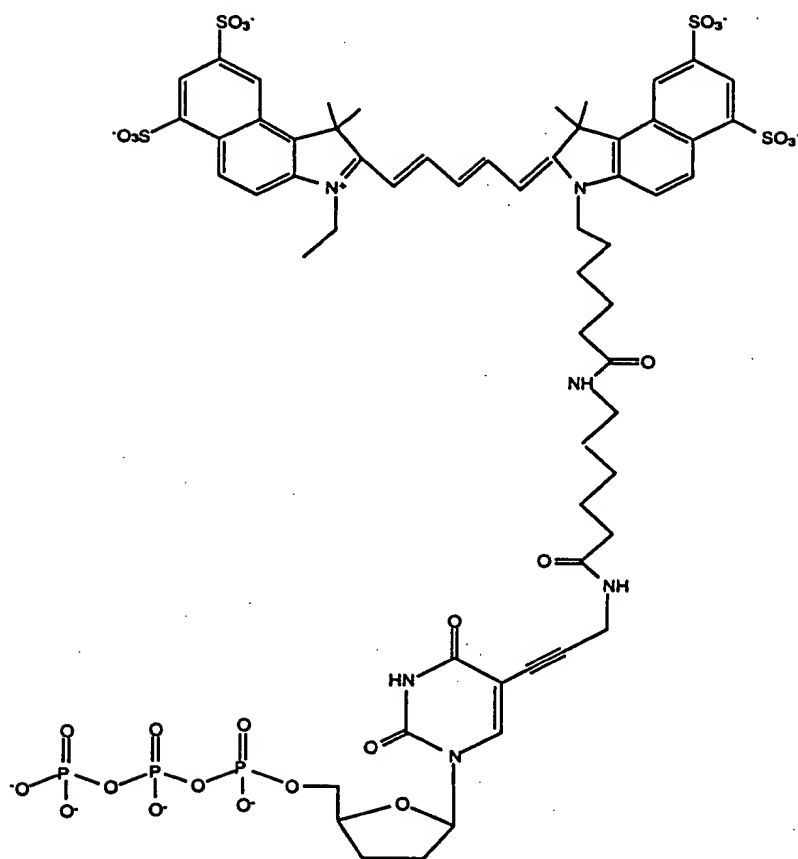
5. A compound of the formula (II):



6. A compound of the formula (III):

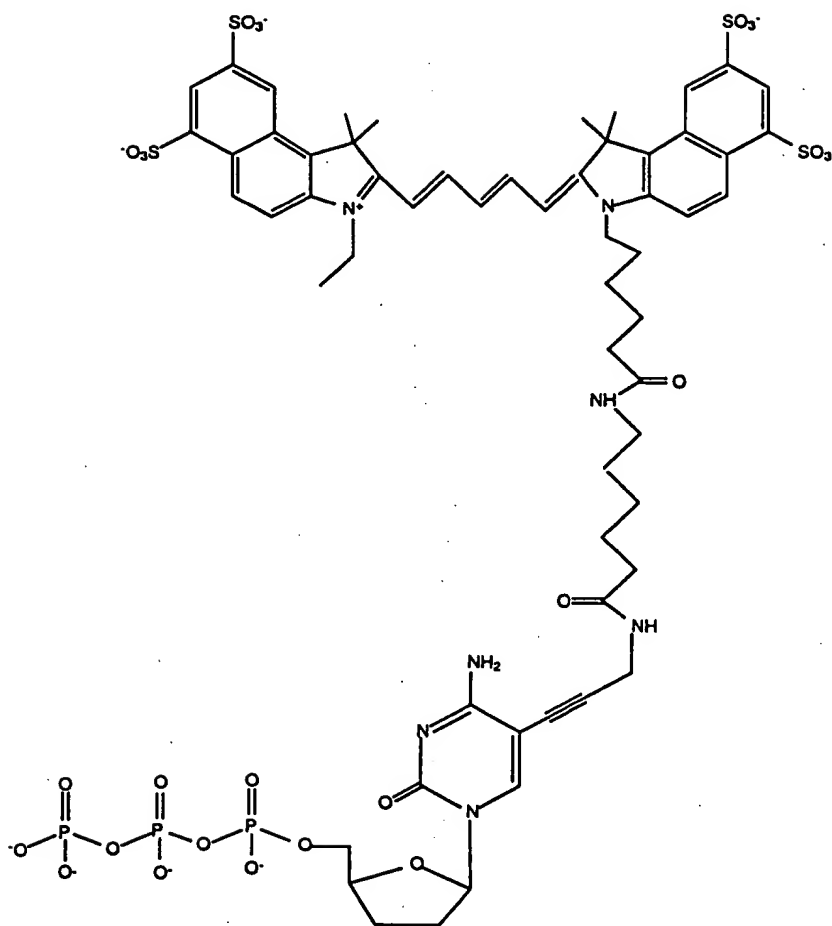
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7. A compound of the formula (IV):



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8. A compound of the formula (V):



9. A deoxyribonucleic acid sequence containing the
5 compound of formula I.

10. A deoxyribonucleic acid sequence containing the
compound of formula II, III, IV, or V.

11. A kit for DNA sequencing comprising compounds of
10 formula II, III, IV, and V.

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12. The kit of claim 11, further comprising a thermostable DNA polymerase.

13. The kit of claim 12, wherein said polymerase is a thermostable DNA polymerase that has an altered dNMP binding site so as to improve the incorporation of dideoxynucleotides relative to the natural polymerase.

14. Method for determining the nucleotide base sequence of a DNA molecule comprising the steps of:

incubating a DNA molecule annealed with a primer molecule able to hybridize to said DNA molecule in a vessel containing a thermostable DNA polymerase, one of a set of four dye terminators with an linker of at least 10 atoms between the dye and the nucleotide and separating DNA products of the incubating reaction according to size whereby at least a part of the nucleotide base sequence of said DNA molecule can be determined.

15. Method for determining the nucleotide base sequence of a DNA molecule comprising the steps of:

incubating a DNA molecule annealed with a primer molecule able to hybridize to said DNA molecule in a vessel containing a thermostable DNA polymerase, a compound of formula I and separating DNA products of the incubating reaction according to size whereby at least a part of the nucleotide base sequence of said DNA molecule can be determined.

16. Method for determining the nucleotide base sequence of a DNA molecule comprising the steps of:

5 incubating a DNA molecule annealed with a primer molecule able to hybridize to said DNA molecule in a vessel containing a thermostable DNA, a compound of formula II, III, IV, or V and

10 separating DNA products of the incubating reaction according to size whereby at least a part of the nucleotide base sequence of said DNA molecule can be determined.

15 17. The method of any of claims 14, 15, or 16 wherein said polymerase is a thermostable DNA polymerase that has an altered dNMP binding site so as to improve the incorporation of dideoxynucleotides relative to the natural polymerase.